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Governor Walker and Secretary Anderson Unveil New Milwaukee Home for DCF

Milwaukee...Today, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new building which will house the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW).

"Construction of the Department's new child welfare building is an important revitalization project for the City of Milwaukee," said Governor Scott Walker. "This location is part of the corridor targeted in our Transform Milwaukee initiative, and will serve as an anchor to attract more businesses to the neighborhood."

The Department directly operates child welfare services in Milwaukee County through the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare. Currently, DCF operates out of three different locations across the city. By consolidating services into one location, the process will be simplified and streamlined in order to continue to improve the services provided to children, youth, and families.

"As part of Governor Walker's Transform Milwaukee initiative, the Department's new Milwaukee child welfare building brings together the services which are helping Wisconsin's economy get back on track, growing businesses, strengthening families and getting people back to work," said DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson at the event.

The Transform Milwaukee Jobs Program is a common-sense solution that helps Wisconsin's economic recovery by helping to provide meaningful employment and training for non-custodial parents and foster youths who might otherwise age out of the system. The Department is also working to increase the eligibility age for foster youths to receive support services in an effort to improve the outcomes for foster youth throughout Wisconsin.

The success of the Transform Milwaukee program has led to additional funding dedicated to expansion of the program in Milwaukee. The Governor's budget provides \$3,750,000 in SFY14 and \$5,000,000 in SFY15 for services for the Transform Milwaukee Jobs Program and \$343,000 in SFY14 and \$688,200 in SFY15 for child care for participants in the Transform Milwaukee Jobs Program.

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